

Cardiff principal vindicated

by Frances Gibb
The council of University College, Cardiff, this week accepted the report of an independent inquiry into recent appointments at the college as a "complete vindication" of the principal, Dr C. W. Bevan, and the administration.
The inquiry, chaired by Mr H. E. Francis QC, was set up following the recent discovery by students of a dossier of letters concerning the appointment of two lecturers. These showed that both teachers concerned, Professor A. T. Morrison, who has been appointed director of the school of home economics, and Professor John Beeston, who has been appointed to the chair in science education, were approached by the principal before the advertisements for the posts appeared.
Mr Francis concluded after an examination of 40 witnesses that both lecturers were appointed by proper and thorough selection procedures. He dismissed any notion of a "West African connection", suggested in the student union newspaper, which implied that several members of the college staff had been appointed not on their merits but because of links with universities in Nigeria where Dr Bevan worked.
"When one takes the trouble to ascertain and consider the facts, it is as clear as a pikestaff that the institutions concerned by a 'West African connection' are baseless", Mr Francis said. "The whole thing, in my view, is nothing less than a thoroughly discreditable exercise in sensationalism and defamation."
On Professor Morrison's appointment, Mr Francis concluded: "I have to say that I can see in substance whatsoever in the criticisms that have been made."

On Professor Beeston's appointment, the committee believe Professor Beeston can take up his challenging new appointment at Cardiff in full confidence that he was chosen for the post on merit by a selection committee of men of integrity who had the interests of the college at heart and had adjudged him to be the best man for the job.
As for the dossier of letters, Mr Francis said that not unnaturally these had caused a great deal of concern in the minds of some, even those who readily acknowledged the high qualities of the principal. But he concluded: "Being private letters, passing between friends and therefore written in a casual manner, it is very easy to exaggerate their importance."
He strongly attacks the way the letters came to light, saying that they only became public because of the "most disgraceful conduct by a small group of students, aided and abetted by certain organs of the press", which "unintentionally did not seem fit to act responsibly in the matter as newspapers should."
The majority of the council passed a motion endorsing these conclusions, expressing their confidence in the principal and paying tribute to "the outstanding conduct" he had made over the last decade.
The whole council agreed a motion accepting that the professors were properly appointed and welcoming them to the college.
The report did not pass without criticism, however. Mr Bill Gray, president of the students' union, said it welcomed the publication of the report and it found most of the factual statements made by students about the contents of the

letters to be correct. But it felt that the conclusions were mistaken. Mr Francis confirmed, for instance, that Professor Beeston was invited by the principal to choose two members of his own selection panel, Mr Gray said. But he justified this on the grounds that Professor Beeston was an overseas candidate.
"This is a principle which is quite unknown. If it is accepted by the University of Wales, then it needs to be changed rapidly because it gives a grossly unfair advantage to one candidate over those who are interested in the post. Mr Gray said students had alleged that the job description had been written for Professor Beeston. Dr Bevan wrote in a letter: "This is, as you know, made for you and I shall in fact be reluctant to advertise unless you are interested." Mr Gray said that Mr Francis's interpretation of that statement was that the chair was one for which the professor was ideally fitted, and that Dr Bevan was reluctant to be asked to appoint their own adviser.
The students' union has tabled a motion to come before the University of Wales court this week calling on appointment rules to be examined, in particular the question of overseas candidates being allowed to appoint their own assessors.
The Association of Non-Professional Staff also criticized the report for not taking into account all the background evidence.

Dillon's sold for £650,000

London University has sold its bookshop, Dillon's, to Pentos Publishing and Bookselling Group Ltd for £650,000 to ensure it a prosperous future.
A university spokesman said this week that although the shop's trading position was favourable, the university became increasingly conscious that to preserve the scope of its services would require additional investment, which it was unable to provide.
The absence of such capital would have precluded not only the future service of the bookshop to staff and students, but also the employment prospects of the staff, he said.
Dillon's University Bookshop, which the university has owned since 1956, occupies a familiar corner of Torrington Square, Bloomsbury, at the heart of the university's precincts. For years it has been a haunt of staff and students not only from London but from universities throughout the country.
Together with its branches in Nottingham, Canterbury and Cambridge, its sales were some £4m a year.
Pentos Publishing, which is a subsidiary of Pentos Ltd, an Indian firm building computer centres in Great Britain, engineering and garden and leisure products, has assumed the future of Dillon's.
Dillon's joins the ranks of other university publishers and bookshops which belong to Pentos including Ward Lock Ltd and Hudsons Bookshops. The new acquisition almost doubles Pentos' interests in bookselling and creates one of the two largest British groups in the field.
While Dillon's and Hudsons both expect to benefit from their common ownership, a spokesman from Pentos said, the two companies will be managed and developed separately to ensure that their individual characters are retained.
London University will have the right to appoint a director as its representative on the board of Dillon's. This is to be Dillon's former chairman, Mr A. K. Stephenson.

Royal Society urged to take hard line on Soviet scientists

The Institute of Physics has urged the Royal Society to take a much harder line over Soviet repression of dissident scientists, and to put an end to scientific exchanges between Russia and the United Kingdom unless the Soviet authorities mend their ways.
"In this very serious issue the detached public stance of the Royal Society and its counterparts in most other western countries has not been creditable and has distressed many who believe that scientists have a duty, no less than other groups, to use any privilege of position honourably for the pursuit of truth and the relief of suffering", the council of the institute states in a memorandum sent to Lord Todd, President of the Royal Society, last September and published in the current issue of the institute's *Physics Bulletin*.
"The Royal Society should ask the Soviet authorities to explain why certain named scientists should not be reinstated in their jobs or allowed to emigrate with their families, the memorandum says. Failing an acceptable reason, continued negotiations would lead the Royal Society to terminate the exchange agreement."
The memorandum was accompanied by a letter to Lord Todd from the institute's past president, Sir Brian Phippard, of Cambridge University, saying that the council

Keele launches campaign for Staffordshire medical school

by Clive Cookson
science correspondent
Keele University has launched a campaign to persuade the Government to establish a new medical school in North Staffordshire as soon as possible.
The campaign is a report prepared over the past two years by a joint committee of Birmingham and Keele universities and the local health authorities, under Sir Melville Arnold, which estimates that the medical school could be set up for £10,700,000 in 1975 (around £14m today) or a fifth of the cost of Northumbria's new medical facility.
Ten years ago the Todd Commission recognized the North Staffordshire Hospital Centre three miles from Keele as "outstandingly suitable" for development into a teaching hospital, and the report says it is still more suitable today. "Parasitised planning has produced some outstanding facilities which are ripe for exploitation for undergraduate teaching. The quality and distinction of the Hospital Centre consultant staff, numbering 94 in 28 specialties, is widely recognized."
The medical school itself would be split between a new medical science building at Keele University and clinical facilities at the Hospital Centre. The committee proposes an initial intake of 35 medical students, as soon as 1979, building up to a maximum of 120 a year by the mid-1980s.
The Todd Commission felt Keele was not sufficiently strong in the historical sciences to be a suitable base for a medical school, but since then the university has "achieved expansion in postgraduate and medical research areas which will enable it quickly and relatively inexpensively to incorporate undergraduate teaching in the basic medical sciences as soon as the opportunity offers."
The Arnold report outlines a modern integrated curriculum for the proposed school. Formal teaching would be limited to 20 hours per week, to foster in the student

Universities in trouble on pay

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The AUT wanted to know the exact conditions for rectifying the anomaly, and depending on the Government's response, would formulate its cost of living pay claim for October. It had been agreed at the annual conference that a further phase of the pay policy would not be supported unless the anomaly was settled. This would mean pay rises of between 15 and 25 per cent, before cost-of-living increases.
The AUT also wanted to know the meaning of the 10 per cent limit, whether this applied to the total salary bill, or to individuals, and whether account was to be taken of the fact that earnings in universities were anonymous with wage rates, and could not, as often in the private sector, be supplemented by overtime payments.
To Mr Sapper it seemed as if the Government was using the cash limit system to discriminate against the public sector. The same restriction did not apply in the private sector.
The impact of Mr Healey's statement on the pay of teachers in further education depends on the policy adopted by the TUC on the rule of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education would not be considering pay until January, 1978, when it would begin drawing up its claim for April.
Mr Reg Bird, the universities officer for the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said that ASTMS' pay claim was likely to be well in excess of 10 per cent.

DES accused in reshuffle of Welsh teacher training

by Judith Judd
The Government was charged this week with employing political and not educational criteria in determining the future of Welsh teacher education when it upheld its decision to end training at the Polytechnic of Wales.
Dr D. W. P. James, director of the polytechnic, said "I am absolutely disgusted that the Government has refused to change its mind about ending teacher training at the polytechnic. This is a straight political decision."
Mr Oakes, Minister for Higher Education, announced in the House of Commons on Tuesday that teacher training would continue at the West Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education but would cease at the polytechnic, a relaxation of the Government's proposal in January that teacher training should cease at both institutions.
Dr James said the decision was a reflection of the Government's desire not to rock the boat and was connected with arguments about the Welsh language. Those arguments have already saved Bangor Normal College from merger so that it could develop as a Welsh-medium teacher training college.
The polytechnic, formed from a merger of Glamorgan College of Education and Glamorgan Polytechnic, developed courses for English language-speaking teachers dedicated to teaching in Wales, Dr James said, had been very successful in producing good teachers.
He felt another reason for the decision was the polytechnic's success in mounting diversified courses, which encouraged people to study who could survive without

Plans for control of genetic engineering delayed

The Health and Safety Commission's revised proposals for compulsory control of genetic engineering, which had been expected to appear by spring, are now to be ready for parliamentary approval until the autumn.
A spokesman said the delay was due both to the difficulty of reaching an agreement on the details of the original proposals, and to the fact many submissions came in late. He said the proposals were published in August 1976, and it was not until the commission's November deadline.
Particular attention is being paid to the wording of the clause defining genetic engineering. The original definition was wide in scope, but scientists, particularly those including traditional techniques, would be brought under official control.
The Government is to set up a working party to examine the feasibility of a national information system for credit transfer in further and higher education. The decision was announced last week at a meeting of interested bodies at the Department of Education and Science and the Council for National Academic Awards-Open University scheme.
The working party will study all aspects of a national credit transfer system including how it might be financed, where it should be based, what it should do, and who should fund it. Membership will be transitory. Bodies are invited to supply representatives to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, and the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, the CNA, the Technician

Revised provision for teacher education in Wales in 1981

| | Revised As at July 77 | Jan 77 |
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| Polytechnic of Wales | 300 | 300 |
| West Glamorgan Institute | 300 | 300 |
| Gwent College of Higher Education | 450 | 500 |
| South Glamorgan Institute | 550 | 600 |
| Bangor Normal | 350 | 400 |
| Llandaff College | 200 | 250 |
| St Mary's College, Bangor | 150 | 200 |
| North East Wales Institute | 400 | 400 |
| Trinity College, Carmarthen | 200 | 200 |

Credit transfer centre to be studied

The financing of the new agency will depend partly on the size of the problem which the working party reveals. If it is large there may have to be some charge to students, but the argument against this is that such information should be free for everyone. Once the working party is set up it is expected to report within nine to 12 months.
A spokesman for the CVCP said the vice-chancellors were happy to go ahead with the feasibility study and would be monitoring its progress. Talks are already going on between the Open University and the CVCP about the possibility of a credit transfer scheme involving all universities.
Dr Ker believed ministers shared the view that there should be no unnecessary barriers preventing students moving into the most appropriate courses.

Finance doubts cloud policy studies scheme

by David Walker
The Social Science Research Council's £5m scheme for policy studies institute has been greeted with some scepticism by the charitable foundations, the independent policy bodies, and academics with a reputation in this field.
It is unlikely that money on the scale needed would be forthcoming from foundations such as Leverhulme or Nuffield. Leverhulme rarely makes grants larger than £100,000 even over several years and the trustees of Nuffield "would take a lot of convincing that a new foundation would be better than building on the existing policy studies centres, according to one source."
Members of the SSRC have been told that the Ford Foundation has £1m available for policy studies work, but it is thought to prefer to invest in a body with a Europe-wide ambit rather than a British domestic institute.
Mr John Finer, director of Political and Economic Planning, the independent social and economic research institute, spoke for

London Bill goes on after union cliffhanger threat

by Frances Gibb
London University's private Bill was saved at the eleventh hour this week after the National Union of Public Employees threatened to kill it and so end its passage through Parliament.
After an emergency meeting on Monday evening between Dr Frank Harley, the vice-chancellor, and NUPE representatives about the union's wish for consultation, the union agreed to allow the Bill to be carried over to the next session of Parliament.
The threat arose last week when the Bill came up to be considered for deferment to the next parliamentary session. Instead of going through the House of Commons, the Bill was to be postponed to the next session of Parliament.
Mrs M. P. Jones, a NUPE-sponsored MP and Dr O'Connell (Lab, Thurrock), raised an objection to the Bill just one more opportunity, which was tabled for Tuesday, to be considered for deferment before the end of this session. If there had been objections then, passage through Parliament would have to begin again starting from the Lords setting it back at least two parliamentary sessions.
It is thought that Mrs McDonald, who is sympathetic to the petition lodged by the Association of University Teachers, objected from confusion as to the AUT's wishes.
As for Mr Pendery, Mr Jim Cornallus, a London area officer for NUPE, said that the union had instructed him to object in order to destroy the Bill had there been no response from the university.
Mr Peter Griffiths, secretary to the university's joint standing committee, said the objections had

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Chairs

Dr R. A. Fring, lecturer in curriculum studies in the University of London Institute of Education, has been appointed to a chair of education in the school of education, University of Exeter, with effect from January 1, 1978.

Grants

Chemistry—£11,430 from the SRC for an investigation of the chemistry and thermochemistry of fluides, under the direction of Professor R. D. Peacock. Economic history—£25,000 from the SRC for a study of multinational companies in interwar Central East Europe, under the direction of Professor A. Tselchova (East Anglia) and Dr P. L. Cottrell.

Professor D. H. N. Spence, at present lecturer of personal chairs in the department of botany at the University of St Andrews, has been appointed to the chair of botany from October 1, 1977. Professor Eric McKelrick, professor of history of the University of Columbia, New York, has been appointed to the chair of American history at Oxford University for 1979-80.

Appointments

Universities: Durham. Chairman of boards of studies: Mr J. E. Dixon (extramural studies); Dr N. Bolton (psychology); Dean, Faculty of education: Mr R. P. Goodings. Lecturer: Carl Thomas Emery (law).

Edinburgh. Lecturers: A. E. Lewis (Christian dogmatics); S. T. W. Saver (economics); J. Jacob (genetics); B. T. A. Pator (pathology); C. A. Smith (politics). (Temporary lecturers: Miss S. L. Mason (pathology); Mr N. H. Campbell (social administration).)

Liverpool. Director, Marine Transport Centre: Mr S. Gilman. London. Titles of reader: A. Brooker and Dr H. J. Golding (history of art Courtland).

Institute of Art; Dr P. Francisella (clinical psychology, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine); Dr L. J. Goodman (zoology, Queen Mary College); Dr J. M. Hancock (geology, King's College); Mr S. J. Nickell (economics, London School of Economics).

The Royal College of Surgeons of England. Mr Reginald Muller of the Royal Northern and St Albans's Hospitals has been elected president of the Royal College of Surgeons for 1977-78.

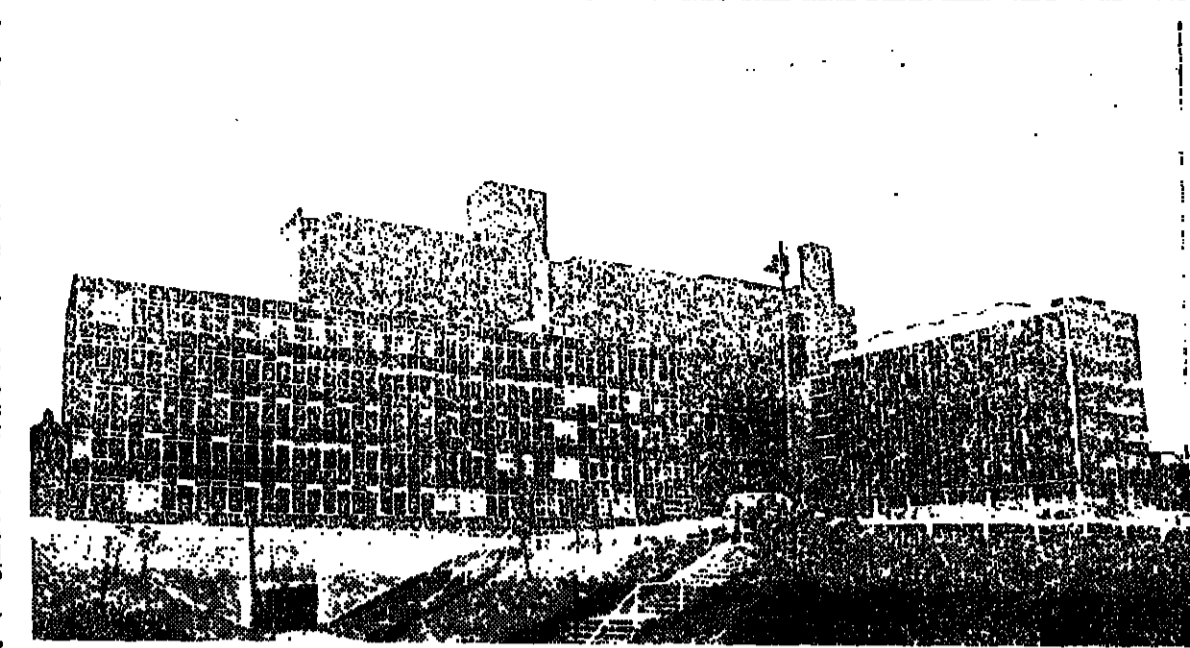
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Forthcoming events

"Image, Idiom and Ideology in the Theatre and Film": a lecture, 14-17 at Elliot College, University of Exeter. Post-Compulsory Education in Europe: a conference for persons Educationalists organized by the European Commission, 9-15 at Striding University College, will be held from September 9-15 at Striding University College.

Efficient combustion research: plant technology, research and energy utilization in central subjects to be discussed in technical lectures arranged in the form of a day of study in the University of Exeter, 14-15 September.

"Leisure and the Urban Scene": an international conference organized by the Leisure Studies Association, to be held at the University of York from September 23 to 25. For details from the ISA, 10 E. Avenue, London N13.



Why three is company but Lady Mabel is a crowd

Sheffield City Polytechnic, above, already coping with one merger is now faced with another. Judith Judd reports on the adjustments needed when four institutions are rolled into one



The Rev Dr George Tolley is now an expert on mergers

SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC

Mick Elliott, the students' union president, is a former City of Sheffield student and his election to lead the students of the new institution is symptomatic of the ease with which students have slotted into the polytechnic. Mr Elliott says: "We were in favour of the mergers from the first and I think there are big gains for students from belonging to the bigger institution which has strong ties with the city."

yet been taken. Science and engineering will have to stay in Pond Street because the heavy plant is there so arts departments such as history is the most likely choice. Mr Evans, whose merger experience has turned him into a keen observer of human nature, comments that one thing perhaps has taught him is that the meek will not inherit the earth. If the transport problems to Tolley are considerable, those at Lady Mabel are enormous.

Open University programmes July 30 to August 5

- Saturday July 30. BSC 1. 8.05 Personality and Learning: Self-Concept (1201; prog 11). BSC 2. 9.05 People and Organization: Army (1201; prog 7); Business and Politics (1201; prog 25); The Art of Computing (1101; prog 10). BSC 3. 9.55 Systems Modeling: The World of Systems (1201; prog 21); The World of Piers Mathematics: Lectures (1201; prog 25); Data Transfer (1201; prog 1); The World of Hardware (1201; prog 11). BSC 4. 11.00 The Nature of Creativity (1201; prog 21). BSC 5. 11.25 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 6. 11.50 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 7. 12.15 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 8. 12.40 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 9. 13.05 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 10. 13.30 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 11. 13.55 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11). BSC 12. 14.20 The Nature of Mathematics: The Great Numbers (1201; prog 11).

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Tuesday August 2

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Thursday August 4

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Friday August 5

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Like many scholars before him, Hirschman is interested in the problem of the medieval cult of the heroic virtues...

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Opposition between the two concepts grew; "interest" became more narrowly defined, assuming the sense of material economic advantage...

particular, it could perform the vital function of curbing the passionate excesses of the powerful...

The three eighteenth-century thinkers whom Hirschman discusses in this book are Montesquieu, Sir James Stewart and John Millar...

Smith, Hirschman admits, did not occasion produce a political, as distinct from an economic, justification for the untrammelled pursuit of individual self-interest...

In the Wealth of Nations, Hirschman claims, Smith treated man as being actuated entirely by interests, having in effect abandoned all the conventional ideas about which he had written extensively in the Theory of Moral Sentiments...

Hirschman reads far too much into the text. The distinction between interests and passions upon which it had been based...

Ronald L. Meek

BOOKS

Islam reinterpreted

Hagarism: The Making of the Islamic World by Patricia Crone and Michael Cook Cambridge University Press, £7.50 ISBN 0 521 21123 6

Books which completely alter perspectives in a particular field are few and far between, but the present work is certainly one that belongs to this category...

In his epoch-making Die Geschichte Israels, published 49 years ago in 1878, Julius Wellhausen asserted that the "Pentateuch Code" of the Pentateuch represented the latest stratum in the development of Hebrew religion...

The book is set out in three parts. The first, "Whence Islam?", divides up from earliest times to contemporary non-Muslim sources a portrait of "Hagarism", the precursor of the Islam familiar from Arabic sources...

Muhammad, who at the earliest stage had simply served as the precursor to the messiah, now takes on the more important role of scriptural prophet: like Moses, he becomes the recipient of a new revelation...



An illustration from a book of veterinary medicine on the diseases of horses, AD 1209, which is in the National Library, Cairo.

and of the imamate, based on the Samaritan view of the A. and D. high priestlyhood...

After this breathtaking vivisection, the authors focus their attention in part two (entitled "Whether Antiquity?") on the various eastern provinces and offer a characterization of the differing consciousness of ethnic and religious identity in the various parts of the Near East...

It should be said that the argument of much of parts two and three stands up in its own right, and can be considered independently of the reconstruction of part one...

The book has obviously been very carefully planned, and it is written in a lively, but highly compact and often epigrammatic style ("the barbarian force of the Germans, like the Judaeo-values of the Christians, could cross the frontier into civilization only at the cost of succumbing to it")...

Leaving aside for the moment the during and obviously controversial added the notions of Islam, or submission to God, of a religious sanctuary other than Jerusalem,

the authors set out to offer an explanation of why the Arab conquests constitute the only "barbarian" conquest in antiquity to produce a completely new civilization in the very heart of the Near East...

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Authors and materials

Essays in Ancient and Modern Historiography by Arnaldo Momigliano Basil Blackwell, £12.00 ISBN 0 631 17900 3

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Jewish, and Greek, Historiography, he emphasizes the international circulation of stories by quoting the case of Achilleus. Here the notes might have mentioned the most convenient epitaph of the Old Testament edited by R. H. Charles (1913, reprinted 1963).

One of the most revealing papers was read in 1970 to the Ecclesiastical History Society, on popular religious beliefs and the late Roman historians. We are reminded that Christians and pagans alike believed in the most fantastic miracles, that there is no evidence, in popular beliefs, of class distinction, laughing up his sleeve, he ends lectures on popular religious beliefs and the late Roman historians should be sought in a lesson. On the contrary, they should be encouraged if they are to be useful. This was not an easy task for a reader of what was often a long and tedious text. Momigliano succeeds admirably in both these tasks. For example, in the article on the nineteenth-century scholar J. G. Droysen, he reminds us of the important fact that Droysen was son of a Lutheran pastor and found his first wife and his friends in a circle of Jewish converts to Protestantism. Again in his article on the historian Ammianus Marcellinus he analyses the intellectual isolation of Ammianus in the late fourth century AD, before embarking on his main theme.

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